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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yumiko SEKI et al.  
Appl'n No. : 10/076,566  
Filed : 19 February 2002  
For : INFORMATION RETRIEVAL DEVICE AND SERVICE  
Group AU : 2175  
Examiner : Neveen Abel Jalil  
Conf. No. : 1290

AMENDMENT

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
POB 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

28 October 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 28 July 2004 for the above-identified continuation application, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

In accordance with the revised format of the manner of making amendments under 37 CFR §1.121 as set forth in the Final Rule effective 30 July 2003, each section of amendment herein begins on a new page, and changes are shown by strike-through (or double brackets where appropriate) and underlining to indicate deletions and additions, respectively. A complete listing of all claims ever presented in the application is given with the current status of each claim, and only the text of all pending and withdrawn claims is presented in full, with those not being amended herein being presented in clean version.

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